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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY (Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
 international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report):

the international application as originally filed/furnished

the description:

pages 1-11 as originally filed/furnished

pages* NONE received by this Authority on _____

pages* NONE received by this Authority on _____

the claims:

pages 12-19 as originally filed/furnished

pages* NONE as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19

pages* NONE received by this Authority on _____

pages* NONE received by this Authority on _____

the drawings:

pages 1-7 as originally filed/furnished

pages* NONE received by this Authority on _____

pages* NONE received by this Authority on _____

a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages _____
 the claims, Nos _____
 the drawings, sheets/figs _____
 the sequence listing (specify): _____
 any table(s) related to the sequence listing (specify): _____

4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

the description, pages _____
 the claims, Nos _____
 the drawings, sheets/figs _____
 the sequence listing (specify): _____
 any table(s) related to the sequence listing (specify): _____

* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims 1-35	YES
	Claims NONE	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims 1-35	YES
	Claims NONE	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims 1-35	YES
	Claims NONE	NO

2. Citations and Explanations (Rule 70.7)

Claims 1-35 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(3), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest a carton including the combination of a handle aperture formed in a top end flap, an aperture in side end flaps aligned with the handle aperture in the top end flap and a paperboard insert with a handle aperture aligned with the other apertures and secured to one of the top end flap and the side end flaps. The patents to Rhodes et al and Wilson evidence the concept of providing handle apertures in the top end flaps and side end flaps of a carton, but fail to suggest reinforcement of such a handle construction. The patent to Collins evidences an endwall handle reinforcement (162) for handle apertures formed in the end walls of a carton, but fails to suggest reinforcement of a handle construction as specifically defined in the claims.

Claims 1-35 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(4), and thus have industrial applicability because the subject matter claimed can be made or used in industry.

----- NEW CITATIONS -----

US 6,631,803 B2 (RHODES et al) 14 October 2003, see entire reference.
 US 5,072,876 A (WILSON) 17 December 1991, see entire reference.
 US 4,757,938 A (COLLINS) 19 July 1988, see entire document.

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Supplemental Box

In case the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient.

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